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SUBJECT: CIEC: PEREZ GUERRERO STATEMENT, MAY 31

1. CIEC MINISTERIAL PLENARY SESSION RESUMED AT NOON ON MAY 31 TO HEAR STATEMENT FROM G-19 CO-CHAIRMAN PEREZ GUERRERO IN RESPONSE TO G-8 STATEMENTS DELIVERED DURING MAY 30 PLENARY. TEXT OF PEREZ GUERRERO STATEMENT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE GROUP OF19 HAVING HEARD WITH
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ATTENTION AND INTEREST THE STATEMENTS DELIVERED BY THE MINISTERS OF THE GROUP OF 8, HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY ITS IMPRESSIONS AND FEELINGS AT THIS MOMENT OF THE CONFERENCE. THE GROUP HAS DECIDED THAT THIS STATEMENT WILL BE ITS ONLY ONE BEFORE ENTERING THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ASKS THE CHAIRMAN TO LEAVE OPEN POINT 4 OF THE AGENDA, UNTIL AFTER THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN

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COMPLETED.

THE GROUP OF 19, WHILE CONCURRING WITH THE GROUP OF 8 THAT THE NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE DID NOT BEGIN AND WILL NOT END IN PARIS, BELIEVES THAT THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSTITUTE A TURNING POINT IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS: THE RECOGNITION OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE POLITICAL COMMITTMENT TO ORGANIZE IT ON A JUST, FAIR AND EQUITABLE, AND THEREFORE LASTING, BASIS MUST BE THE ATTITUDE WITH WHICH WE SHOULD APPROACH OUR NEGOTIATING TASK. WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS CALLS FOR CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND THAT THIS REQUIRES POLITICAL DETERMINATION. WE ARE NOT EXPECTING MIRACLES, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES AND NOT FOR SOME ISOLATED GESTURES, MOST OF WHICH ARE NOT YET CLEAR, AIMING AT DEALING WITH SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED ARE NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE GRAVE PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE. WE ARE REALISTIC, BUT THE STAKES ARE HIGH. WE THINK THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE FULLY UTILIZED THAT THAT WE SHOULD GET DOWN TO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

OUR GENERAL REACTION TO THE STATEMENTS WE HEARD YESTERDAY IS MIXED BUT, IN ANY CASE, THESE STATEMENTS ARE FAR BELOW OUR EXPECTATIONS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THERE SHOULD BE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WE ASSUME THAT THIS STATEMENT
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REFERRED TO WHAT WE CALL THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. WE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF CONCEPTS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN THIS REGARD, INCLUDING A REFERENCE TO THE CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED IN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, WHICH, TO A VERY LARGE EXTENT IS IN DISARRAY.

THERE ARE REFERENCES IN THE FIELDS OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS TO SECURITY OF SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY. ON THE OTHER HAND NO POSITIVE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE CONCERNING BASIC INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE PROTECTION OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE EXPORT EARNINGS OF THESE PRODUCTS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS AND TECHNOLOGY. WE HAVE HEARD PROPOSALS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN OUR COUNTRIES BUT HAVE NOT HEARD POSITIVE RESPONSES TO THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

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WE NOTE THAT THERE ARE POSITIVE REFERENCES, REGARDING ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO REAL PROGRESS IN KEY AREAS OF THE MTN, TO SEEK AREAS OF MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PRODUCTS IN 1977 AND TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE VOLUME OF ITS AID PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE WOULD LIKE A MORE PRECISE STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD. WHAT WE WANT IS PREDICTABILITY. THE TARGET OF 0.70 SERVES THAT PURPOSE.

WE ALSO TAKE NOTE THAT JAPAN HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE VOLUME OF ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSIST-ANCE IN FIVE YEARS, AND THAT REFERENCE WAS MADE BY SOME DELEGATIONS TO THE SPECIAL ACTION THEY ENVISAGE. WE UNCLASSIFIED

WELCOME THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE CANADIAN MINISTER ON THE NEW MEASURES WHICH THAT COUNTRY WILL CARRY OUT IN THE FIELDS OF DEBT RELIEF AND FOOD AID AND WHICH ARE OF A SPECIFIC NATURE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE GROUP OF 19 HAS IDENTIFIED ON MANY OCCASIONS WHICH SUBJECTS SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN THIS CONFERENCE. MOST OF THEM WERE DEALT WITH, IF AT ALL, ONLY IN GENERAL AND RATHER VAGUE TERMS. USEFUL AND POSITIVE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED IN AN ISOLATED FASHION BY INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, BUT IN MOST CASES, THEY HAVE NOT ENJOYED THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE GROUP OF 8. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE COMMITMENTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY ALL MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP.

IN OUR STATEMENT OF MAY 5, 1977 WE REFERRED TO ELEVEN MAJOR CONCERNS OF OURS, WHICH THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT FAIL TO ADDRESS, BESIDES OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDER ITS CONSIDERATION. ONLY ONE OF THEM--INFRA-STRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY FOR AFRICA--MAY BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH POSITIVELY.

MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO PASS FINAL JUDGMENT ON THIS SITUATION WHICH WE ARE FACING TODAY HERE. WE ARE HERE IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN THESE NEXT TWO DAYS WILL YIELD MEANINGFUL AND CONCRETE RESULTS.

WE HOPE THAT FROM THESE NEGOTIATIONS WE WILL COME UP WITH SIGNIFICANT AND SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENTS REGARDING

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THESE AND OTHER MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FURTHER EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO THIS END. END TEXT.

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3. FOLLOWING PEREZ GUERRERO STATEMENT, MINISTERS AGREED TO BREAK DOWN INTO THREE NEGOTIATING GROUPS (ENERGY/FINANCE, RAW MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT) WHICH BEGAN MEETING AT 3:00 P.M. MAY 31.
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